

How to answer the exam questions

Section A

There are three types of question for Section A on this paper:

- 1 Explain two consequences of a given event or development.
- 2 Write a narrative account analysing the key developments in a given period.
- 3 Explain the importance of two events or developments in the Cold War.



Edexcel exam-style questions

- 1 Explain **two** consequences of the Marshall Plan (1947).
(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

This is a consequence question. You need to explain two outcomes of the given event.

- 2 Write a narrative account analysing the key events of détente during the 1970s.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The Helsinki Agreement (1975)
- SALT 2 (1979)

You **must** also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)

This is a narrative question. You have to link three events or developments together to form an overall story about a given period in the Cold War.

- 3 Explain **two** of the following:
- The importance of the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe (1945–48) for the early development of the Cold War.
 - The importance of the Cuban Revolution (1959) for superpower relations.
 - The importance of the Moscow Olympics boycott (1980) for relations between the Soviet Union and the USA.

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)

This is an importance question. You are being asked to explain why two events mattered in the Cold War.

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 32 marks